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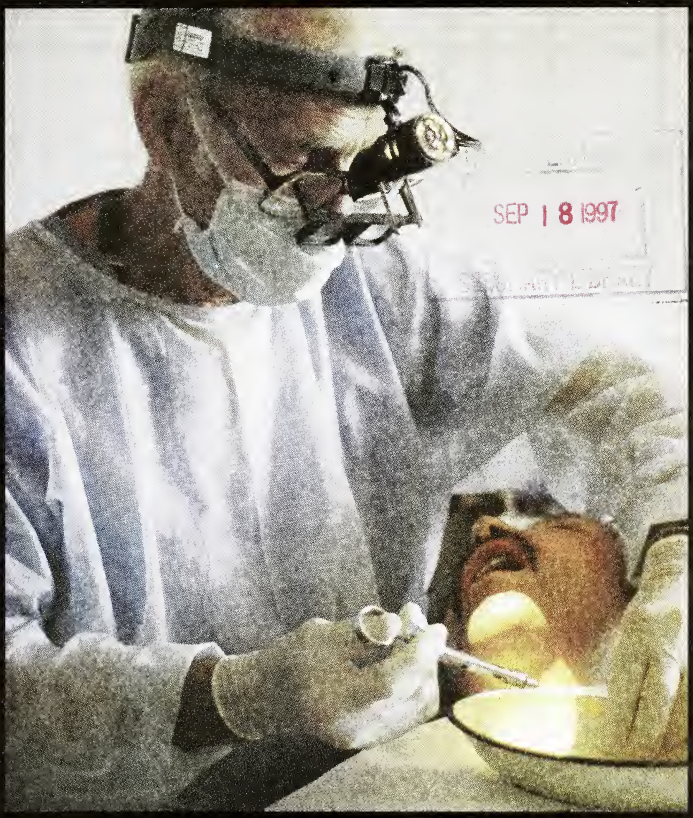

"...I WAS SICK, AND YOU TOOK CARE OF ME..." MATTHEW 25:36

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On The Cover

This year, NC Baptist Men will sponsor over 20 medical/dental mission trips to Ukraine, India, South Africa Moldovan and China.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

"A new commandment I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then all will know that you are my disciples" (John 13:34–35).

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When I was 19 years old I had the privilege of serving as a counselor at Camp CaRAway. Recently I was approached by a young pastor in our state. His first words were, "You don't remember me, but you were my counselor at Camp CaRAway when I was 12 years old." This young pastor went on to tell me how important CaRAway had been in his growth as a Christian.

This summer marks the 35th anniversary of Camp CaRAway. In these first 35 years more than 50,000 boys have spent a week of their lives at CaRAway. There have been thousands of boys who made the decision to give their life to Christ at CaRAway's outdoor chapel. There are thousands more who made rededications or a decision related to Christian ministry at CaRAway. The basic philosophy of CaRAway has always been that God has great love for each boy who comes to camp. Each boy is a person of worth created in the image of God. The way to communicate this truth is through love. Whether during a volleyball game, on a campout, during canoeing, during Bible study, or during the middle of a heated basketball game, the counselor's job is to live out the Christian life and Christ's love 24 hours a day.

I remember one particular boy who I had in my cabin. He was really misbehaving and causing a lot of trouble. I can clearly remember not liking that boy at all. I can also remember praying that God would help me to love this kid who I didn't even like. Fairly quickly there was a change in one or both of us, and later that week I remember really enjoying being around that boy. I also remember that camp had a big impact on that boy's life.

Every morning at camp, during flag raising, the campers sing the song, "And They'll Know We are Christians by our Love." So it is at Camp CaRAway and so it is any place else. "If you have love for one another, then all will know that you are my disciples."

May God help us to be known by our love.

Richard Brunson

Thank You, Kentucky Volunteers

RAYMOND EARP, NCBM PRESIDENT

Excitement was in the air as we waited that Saturday afternoon in June for Mike to come home from Kentucky. Mike is our son-in-law and he had left the Saturday before with 200 other North Carolina Baptists to go on the Recovery Ministry to Kentucky. He left his wife, Sybil, and three children, Bethany (6), Christopher (3), and Gracelyn (2). Mike was between dredging jobs. As far as his career was concerned, it was a good time to go, but still a very difficult decision. He had to especially consider his family and the burden on Sybil; but they made the decision together, and Mike packed his clothes and sleeping bag and went away to do the Lord's work.

It was exciting that day to hear him tell about what he did and sad to hear and see all the devastation he saw. Thank the Lord there are so many of you who are willing to give your time to go. So many of you go over and over to serve humanity and the Lord. In the past few years since that first tornado passed through North Carolina, Baptist men and women have gone to the deepest depths to help repair people's lives.

Volunteers can surely quote the words of Edna Wilcox, "Let me tonight look back across the span between dawn and dark, and to my conscience say—because of some good act to man—the world is better that I lived today."

Thank you Mike and the other 199 North Carolinians for leaving a high pressure world which calls you everyday and giving time to help folks recover from a world of disaster and grief. We continue to seek to get more churches involved in doing the work of Baptist Men. There is so much to get involved in, but sadly there are still too many churches not getting the message. There are those who want a quiet, peaceful life free from anxiety and added burdens. To avoid anything that is new and different prevents us from making full use of our potential. But most of all, without enthusiasm for mission work there can be no fruit of enjoyment in the life of our churches and in our lives as individuals. You who have been there and witnessed the joy of recovery work, partnership work, handyman work, lay witnessing, aviation ministry, etc. can pass the joys of ministry on. Volunteer to speak about the work you have done in other churches and Baptist Men's meetings. Help us get the word and enthusiasm to everyone. Mike went to Kentucky because volunteer L.D. Springle came back home full of enthusiasm and gave a talk encouraging others to go. Telling about the good works really helps to get others involved. I have seen this happen over and over.

Thank the Lord there are so many of you who are willing to give your time to go. So many of you go over and over to serve humanity and the Lord.

Thank you for what you have done and are doing in Baptist Men's work to show Jesus Christ to the world. I covet your prayers and suggestions.

Raymond Earp

Become A Part Of Something Great!

JOHN ROBERSON, PRESIDENT,
NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT

Most of us never think of ourselves as a philanthropist. The dictionary defines a philanthropist as, ". . . one who helps mankind through acts of charity, philanthropic service, act, or gift." On behalf of North Carolina Baptist Men, I invite you to become a philanthropist and become a part of something great through your gift to North Carolina Missions Development.

The nationally acclaimed success of North Carolina Baptist Men is a source of great pride for all North Carolina Baptists. From humble beginnings, the North Carolina Baptist Men's organization has grown into one of the most aggressive and powerful missions enterprises in the region. As an example, last year, hundreds of North Carolina Baptist men and women touched over one-half million lives with the love of Jesus through the multiple ministries of North Carolina Baptist Men.

Now you, too, have an opportunity to ensure that the past and present accomplishments lead to an even greater future for North Carolina Baptist Men. Your gift to North Carolina Baptist Men will provide the monetary resources necessary to sustain and advance this vital ministry.

Gifts to North Carolina Baptist Men may be made by way of cash, real estate, securities, life insurance, and Last Will and Testament. As you consider your becoming a part of something great and your philanthropic investment in North Carolina Baptist Men, allow me to make available to you the counsel of the office of North Carolina Missions Development. For more information check the appropriate item on the back page.

Scripture Taxi Ministry

In 1980, Claude Frazier hailed a cab while attending a medical conference in Chicago that inspired him to find a new way to minister to a wide variety of people. He noticed that the cab driver had a Bible sitting on his front seat as a silent witness to his passengers. Frazier thought how wonderful it would be for passengers to have Scriptures to read during the cab ride and to take with them.

With this statement, "There are two words that are not in my vocabulary: 'can't' and 'impossible.' 'Perseverance' and 'determination' are," Frazier began his crusade. He gained the support of the American Bible Society and Southern Baptists, along with other denominations.

An apron with pockets hangs over the back of the driver's seat and holds a variety of tracts, such as "How to have a Happy Home." These dispensers are refilled frequently. Special material is put in them at Christmas and Easter time. This Scripture Taxi ministry in North Carolina has been very successful in Charlotte, Asheville, and Hendersonville. It is also very successful in cities in Virginia, New York, Georgia, and Tennessee. In Atlanta, GA; alone, 200,000 tracts have been distributed in 300 cabs.

After having such success with the taxi ministry, Frazier is also trying to branch out to police cars and airplanes. He is also talking with foreign missionaries about starting a taxi ministry in foreign cities.

For more information on how to start a Scripture Taxi ministry, contact Claude A. Frazier, Doctors Park, Building 4C, Asheville, NC 28801.

help hurting children, healing broken families

"Hands On" Missions at Baptist Children's Homes of NC

Your Baptist Children's Homes serves 1,400 children each year at 12 facilities across the state. It serves those children with loving staff in dozens of buildings that need maintenance and repair. From the brand new John D. and Amelia W. Johnson Cottage going up at Mills Home, to the Whitty Cottage built in 1903 that housed children until it was taken down in March, BCH has buildings and grounds that could use the attention of **Baptist Men**.

Work groups would be helpful that can give a weekend or a week for grounds maintenance at a residential campus, to roofing, carpeting, remodeling, painting, putting up curtains or cleaning and repairing windows. Doing these tasks would free the small maintenance staffs for other work.

All facilities can use help at some time or another. So it is almost certain your group can find a place to serve at a time convenient to its schedule.

Call An Area Director To Discuss Service Possibilities!

Thomasville Area	Bill Scarlett	(910) 474–1200
Western Area	Reggie Gilmore	(704) 627–9254
Kinston Area	Tim Smith	(919) 522–0811
Pembroke Area	Larry Sawyer	(910) 521–3433
Lenoir Area	Donna Lail	(704) 757–0700

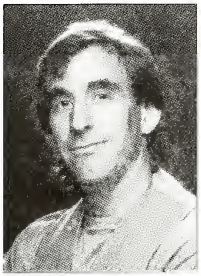
N.C. Baptist Men's Convention/Baptist Missions Conference In Raleigh

Denton Lotz, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will be one of the featured speakers at the 1998 North Carolina Baptist Men's Convention/ Baptist Missions Conference, January 30–31, Forest Hills Church, Raleigh. Joining Lotz, will be Doug Berky, who will present the Gospel through mime, Kyle Matthews, who will be leading the music, Terry Rae, executive director, South Africa Baptist Union and Taylor Field, director of the "Graffiti" Ministry Center in New York City.

The overnight meeting will open with the Friday evening session, January 30, at the church and conclude with the Saturday afternoon session. Volunteer suppers will also be a part of the weekend.

The meeting is open to ALL Baptist men and women, not just members of a church Brotherhood organization.

Denton Lotz



Doug Berky

Kyle Matthews

Taylor Field

For a brochure or more information check the appropriate item on the back page or call the NC Baptist Men's office at (800) 395–5102 ext. 341.

Mission Statement

The goal of North Carolina Baptist Men is to help N.C. churches and associations involve their members (especially men and boys) in missions.

The objectives for accomplishing this goal are to:

- *enable and equip men and boys to be personally involved in mission activities*
- *encourage men and boys to identify and develop their personal ministries*
- *educate men and boys concerning mission opportunities*
- *teach men and boys the importance of praying for and giving to missions*
- *lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians.*

Equipping Today's Church A Valuable Training Opportunity For Your Leaders

Wouldn't it be great if you could load all your church leaders in the van and take them to receive training at one time? You can! Equipping Today's Church is an interdepartmental training session offered by Sunday School, Church Music, Discipleship Training, Woman's Missionary Union, North Carolina Baptist Men, and the Office of Minister Support. Participants may choose which conferences they would like to attend. All conferences are geared especially to leaders in the local church.

Two conferences will be offered: Ridgecrest Conference Center on September 5–6 and Caswell Conference Center on September 26–27. For more information, contact Johnny Ross, Baptist State Convention (800) 395–5102 ext. 231.

Pilots In Ministry

We had ten pilots orientated and signed up with Angel Flight of Virginia at our meeting in February and have already made thirteen medical flights. We get more requests faxed to us each month than we can take, so we need more pilots signed up and ready.

A pilot must have 200 hours and be IFR rated to fly as pilot in command on an Angel Flight trip. He must also receive a brief orientation about how the contacts are made before and after the flights and who to contact when the mission is complete.

Many of the trips will be linked flights using several pilots. Angel Flight of Virginia has a procedure for making contact with the patient and other pilots helping with the flights, as well as with their office after each leg of the trip is completed. Your orientation information can be received during an actual Angel Flight where you assist as co-pilot.

The following are our Aviation Ministry pilots who are already orientated and have already made Angel Flights.

- Charles Mullen of Rocky Mount has made three flights.
- Gene Branon of Yadkinville has made two flights.
- Gene Branson of Mooresville has made two flights.
- Gary Wilser of Raleigh has made one flight.
- Ron Gibson of Laurel Hill has made two flights.
- Graham Hood of Warsaw has made three flights.
- Charles Nicholson of Concord has made one flight.

We have several other pilots in our ministry who are already orientated and may have completed an Angel Flight by the time you receive this report.

Here is a sample of the flight requests which were faxed to our pilots for June:

6–19–97 Thursday — Asheville, NC (AVL) — Raleigh/Durham, NC (RDU)
Transport two passengers.
Wts. 180#, 50#

6–19–97 Thursday — Raleigh/Durham, NC (RDU) — Asheville, NC (AVL)
One passenger returning. Wts 180#

6–22–97 Sunday — Danville, VA (DAN) — Dublin, VA (PSK)
Transport of two passengers.
Wts 120#, 140#

6–22–97 Sunday — Dublin,VA (PSK) — Danville, VA (DAN)
Transport of two passengers
Wts 120#, 140#

6–23–97 Monday — Morristown, TN (MOR) — Swainsboro, VA (SBO)
Transport of two passengers
Wts 98#, 230#

6–24–97 Tuesday — Baltimore, MD (BWI) — Richmond, VA (RIC)
Transport of one passenger
Wt. 108# (evening flight)

6–26–97 Thursday — Asheville, NC (AVL) — Raleigh/Durham, NC (RDU)
Transport one passenger
Wt. 180#

6–26–97 Thursday — Raleigh/Durham, NC (RDU) — Asheville, NC (AVL)
Transport of two passengers
Wt. 180#, 50#

6–27–97 Friday — Richmond, VA (RIC) — Baltimore, MD (BWI)
Transport of one passenger
Wt. 180#
Must be 0600 patient pick up at RIC

If you know of a pilot who may be interested in serving with us let us know!

Bob Foy
State Aviation Missions Coordinator
2323 The Plaza
Charlotte, NC 28205
(704) 664-6422

CORRECTIONAL MISSIONS

Make Angel Tree A Year-Round Ministry

Baptist church members from all across the state opened their hearts and their pocketbooks this past year and sent 80 boys to Camp Angel Tree, a special camp for boys who have a parent in prison. Once at camp, these boys spent a week with a positive male role model in the person of their camp counselor, who acted as mother, father, big brother, and friend 24 hours a day. These counselors patiently showed each boy that Christ is real and alive in their hearts. Twenty-eight of these boys accepted Christ on the last night at the commitment service time. Several volunteers from various Baptist churches helped by providing transportation for these boys to and from the camp. What a wonderful starting place for an ongoing ministry! One week at camp can make a difference in a boys life, but it is only a start. After camp ends, they face the same tough circumstances upon returning home. These young boys need the nurture of a church family who cares. They need help in growing as young Christians. How can your church become involved in year-round ministry to these children and their families? Here are some ideas:

1. Invite families to church services and special events, such as church picnics or outings. Pay expenses as appropriate. Provide transportation.
2. Provide food baskets for the family — monthly or on holidays.
3. Send birthday and holiday cards.
4. Invite and provide transportation for children to be part of your RA or GA group.
5. Volunteer to be a big brother or big sister, taking a boy or girl to the zoo, shopping, a ballgame, or other special event. Try to spend some time with them each week on a regular basis.
6. Provide tutoring for children.
7. Help children write letters to their parent in prison.

ANGEL TREE®
A Ministry of Prison Fellowship

Through Project Angel Tree, your church can deliver Christ's love to a prisoner's children by providing needed gifts at Christmas. Here's how the project works: Church volunteers set up a Christmas tree on which paper angels are placed with gift requests. Church members then choose angels and purchase the gifts. Gifts are then delivered or distributed at church-sponsored parties at which the gospel is shared. Angel Tree information and promotional videos are available in our office. For more information on these projects, check the appropriate item on the back page or call the NC Baptist Men's office at (800) 395–5102 ext. 331.

Johnny Henderson
Correctional Ministries Coordinator
PO Box 499
Seagrove, NC 27041
(910) 873–7995

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

Father-Child Retreats

The North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell is holding its second year of father and child retreats. This year's theme is "Soaring Higher."

Fathers and their children will have large group times with other dads and kids as well as one-on-one time together for devotions, games, and kite-flying.

Fathers and sons are invited to attend the September 12–13 retreat; dads and daughters are invited to attend October 3–4. Both programs begin at 8 p.m. Friday evening.

For more information, contact Lynn Goswick, assistant conference coordinator, at the N.C. Baptist Assembly (910) 278–9501.

Dennie Crowder
Family Foundation Coordinator
9705 Stoney Hill Lane
Charlotte, NC 28277
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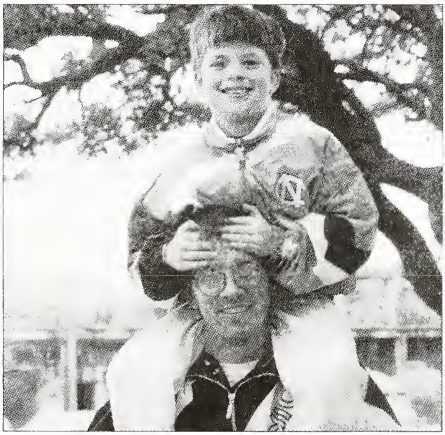

Lives Touched In Kentucky And North Dakota

Our volunteers are still on the go with recent floods in Kentucky and North Dakota. We had 195 volunteers spend a week in Falmouth, Kentucky, where they helped repair 34 homes. We also had 17 volunteers go to Grand Forks, North Dakota, for a week to do mud-outs and clean-up. Our volunteers give of their time and resources to serve Christ when the need arises. It is a witness that touches victims in a way which often leaves them with tears flowing down their cheeks. Victims are not the only ones who are blessed by this ministry. Our volunteers will freely share their experiences with you about how Christ touched their lives on a trip.

I would like to share some things which touched lives on our trip to North Dakota. First, we were fed and housed in one of two Southern Baptist churches in Grand Forks. Cornerstone Church was built and supported by funds from the North American Mission Board. It is always a joy to see where our offerings are going to spread the Word and upbuilding of God's kingdom.

Secondly, we got to meet new brothers and sisters in Christ from Tennessee, Kentucky, Kansas, Arkansas, Minnesota, North Carolina, and South Carolina. We worked and worshipped together like old friends. As volunteers left there were tears, hugs, and exchanging of addresses and phone numbers. Many of our newfound friends had never done disaster relief before. They went home to help build stronger disaster programs in their home state or to get involved with their home state's disaster program. One of our new friends had only been a Christian for two months before he came to North Dakota. He stayed one week with the group he came with and when it was time for them to leave, he asked if he could stay a few more days to help these people. This young man's story was related to our group. His story included 18 years of drug abuse and related problems. He stayed, worked hard, and was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him. He spoke to the entire group at evening worship about his life and how God had changed him. The group raised enough money for his plane ticket back to Charlotte and we were there to see his mother and family meet him. Tears of joy flowed again.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
DISASTER RELIEF
N.C. BAPTIST MEN

We also worked with AmeriCorp youth who were hard workers and fine young people. One said to me, "You Baptists are always smiling." I replied, "We have something to smile about." A lady from Australia, whose home was damaged by the flood waters, said something to us, after we had helped her at her home, that fits all our volunteers in all the NC Baptist Men's ministries: "sterling job, cheerfully done. May God bless you all."

I write this to say that God deals with victims and volunteers when we do our work in Christ's name. If you are not involved in one of NC Baptist Men's ministries, you are missing out on a lot of blessings.

Lyman Fisher
State Disaster Relief Coordinator
1679 Blanton Branch Road
Sylva, NC 28779
(704) 586-5405

LAY RENEWAL

Renewal Alive In North Carolina

Lay Renewal is a proven channel for church growth and development. Back in the mid-70s when I first began to work with Lay Renewal, several things were apparent. One was that the emphasis was already happening among the churches of several denominations and that Baptists were most receptive. A second factor was that some of the great spiritual leaders in America were being used by the Lord to develop materials and patterns for taking Lay Renewal to the churches. Even then it was apparent that church renewal was the most distinctive product of Lay Renewal. The most important factor was that churches were being turned upward as a result of participation in Lay Renewal weekends, continuing small group studies, and motivational outreach programs. That enabled the churches to become more involved in missions and evangelism. Another obvious blessing of Lay Renewal is that there is always an improved relationship between the pastor and the people of the church. That generally begins to happen when the pastor agrees that the church needs to begin the Lay Renewal Journey and continues as the pattern develops over a period of months.

Good news! It is still happening. More than 20 years have gone by and Lay Renewal Leadership participation and church growth have continued to move forward in North Carolina. Recent changes in SBC structure, such as the move of Brotherhood to the new North American Mission Board, have raised questions as to whether Lay Renewal and other lay missions/evangelism programs will survive. We have in fact made some adjustments here in North Carolina, such as placing Lay Renewal with the BSC Division of Evangelism in addition to a continuing relationship with the NC Baptist Men. The truth of the matter is that Lay Renewal in North Carolina is doing well. To use an old adage, "you could not kill it with a stick." Lay Renewal, Lay Ministry Evangelism, Experiencing God Weekend, and involving the laity in missions and evangelism is the bridge to the 21st century and to the second coming of our Lord. If you need help with Lay Renewal or Church Renewal, contact Ed Bullock, Lay Renewal Staff Representative, Division of Evangelism, (800) 395–5102 ext. 562.

LAY REVIVAL

One-on-One Evangelism

The year 2000 is soon to be a reality. Twenty-nine short months from now we will see many changes.

The computer age has changed the way we live, shop, bank, and many other things we do. More and more we hear reports on what the year 2000 will do to these wonderful inventions. The financial world is concerned about glitches in their computers and the stock market has a real concern, too. They all have some great minds at work on the solution to these various problems. They have a crisis to deal with. They know when it will happen and as a result they can prepare for it. The Christian community also has a problem, but of a different nature.

The Baptist churches of the SBC set some goals for themselves in 1976. One of these was to have 5000 career missionaries on the field. Another was to start so many churches. We wanted to reach the world for Jesus, have more volunteers on the mission fields, and to increase our giving to support all of these goals.

We have achieved some of the goals. Others are still possible, but some will be difficult to reach. Southern Baptists are 15 million strong. I do not know the count for other Christian denominations, but we are a large group anyway you look at it. However, our problems are not numbers. It's our inactive or slothful approach to the task of winning the world to Jesus. Many of our churches reported zero baptisms for the past year. We are not working on the solution.

There are more than two billion lost people in the world. There are 2000 language groups which do not have a written account of the gospel. Three out of four people you meet are lost. The world needs to hear the gospel message, and we have failed to deliver the message to the lost.

It is a real challenge, and we do not know how much longer we have to get the message to them. No one knows when Jesus will return. The Lord will return one day, but which day? 2000 could be the day.

My friends, we must be about the Father's business. Your witness and testimony are your tools of the trade. We must be aggressive and anxious to share with those we meet on a day-to-day basis.

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Homeland Projects

Mission Projects Need Volunteers in NC

As the thunderstorms of summer, the firecrackers of July 4, and the Labor Day picnics have now passed, it is again time to fall into renewed mission work as we begin new projects and complete some projects which have lasted for many months. There is time now, even before the cold winter days come, for your Baptist Men's group to plan and complete Homeland Mission Projects. Some possible areas of work you can consider are as follows:

New Hope in Christ, Morganton

A dinner for volunteers who were willing to come and help with this project was held on July 14 at First Church in Morganton. Approximately 150 excited people were at the meal and many volunteers made commitments to continue the work on this project. Ralph May, who is the coordinator for this project, could not have been more encouraging and excited as he spoke to those who attended the meeting. The foundation was almost complete in mid-July and all types of volunteers will be needed throughout the Fall and early Winter. The committee in charge of this project expects to finish it in time for their congregation to celebrate Christmas in the new church building. When you can help, call Albert Stevens, on-site coordinator, at (704) 437–5188 or Ralph May at (704) 437–0374 (home) or (704) 431–0089 (mobile). These men can help you spend some productive and rewarding time in ministry for Christ.

Friendship Church, Greensboro

Progress is continuing toward the completion of this project. In mid-July, the sheetrock was finished and one coat of paint was done. Help is needed for finishing trim work and completion of electrical, plumbing, and HVAC work. The landscaping will be done during the early Fall and help is needed for this work. The dedication of this building is being planned for October 1997. If you can help with the completion of this project, call Barry Neely at the Piedmont Association office (910) 275-7651.

Mundo Vista, Asheboro

With the end of GA camp season, work has again begun on upgrading the buildings at Mundo Vista. This project needs extra attention by Baptist Men this Fall, Winter, and Spring. The work on this project has been slow because it has been so difficult and volunteers have been so few. If at all possible, organize a group of your men to help with this project. Bob Wainwright is eager to schedule a time for any group to come and help with these buildings. For more information and/or to schedule work dates, call Bob Wainwright at (910) 693–5004 or call the camp and talk with Bob Navey at (910) 629–4213.

NC Baptist Assembly, Caswell

Help is needed every week from now through May 1998 at this beautiful seaside retreat. Building remodeling and repair work is continuing and volunteers are always needed. The Assembly provides you a wonderful opportunity to take your Baptist Men's group

to the coast for work, renewal, and a time of retreat together. When you can work a day or a week, make your plans by calling David Lloyd or John Bowling at (910) 278-9501. They will gladly schedule a time for your group to help with the work at Caswell.

Pittsboro Hispanic Mission

Work was completed on this building in August. The Hispanic congregation in Pittsboro would like to express their sincere appreciation to all of the volunteers who have helped with this project. The landscaping will be done during the early Fall. If your group can help with this area of the project, call Bill Poindexter at (919) 542–3819. Also call for information on the dedication of this building.

Westwood Church, Statesville

The church is dried in, and most of the brick work is finished. There is still a need for volunteers to paint the inside, do trim work, and lay carpet. We hope to complete this project by mid-October. If you can help with this project, please contact Daryl Harbin at (704) 838–1985 or (704) 871–1110.

Upcoming Projects

Some projects we are aware of are:

- Piedmont Association, Greensboro

New Vietnamese church building and a new Hispanic church building. Call Barry Neely at (910) 275–7651.

- Sandy Creek Association, Sanford

New Hispanic church building in Siler City. Call Roy Helms at (919) 742–4821 or 742–4298.

- Tar River Association, Oxford

New Hispanic church building. Call Bill Wallace, DOM, at (919) 496–7172.

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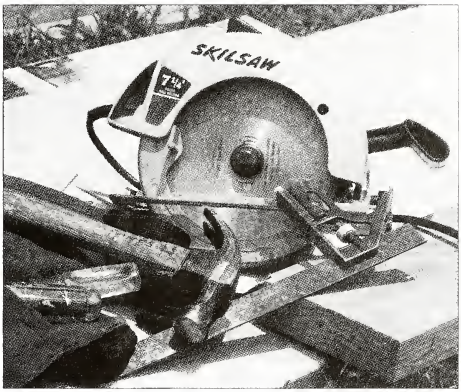
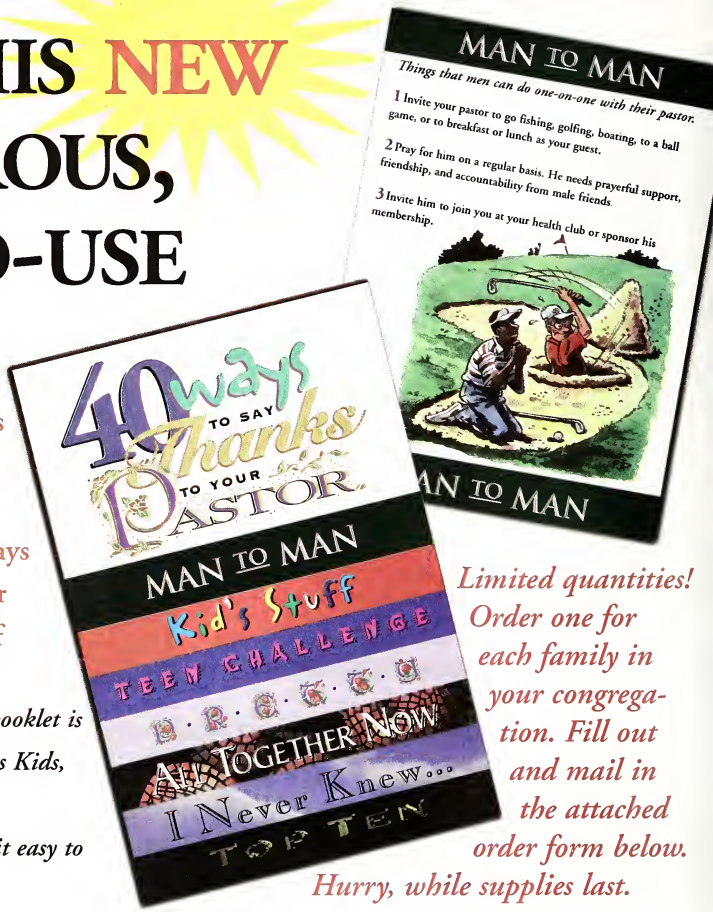


GET THIS NEW HUMOROUS, EASY-TO-USE GUIDE

"40 Ways To Say Thanks To Your Pastor" is an award-winning booklet that gives you creative ways to say Thank You to your pastor or ministerial staff members.

This postcard-size, flip-style booklet is divided into categories such as Kids, Teens, Women, and Men.

The magnetized back makes it easy to adhere to your refrigerator.


MAN TO MAN
Things that men can do one-on-one with their pastor.
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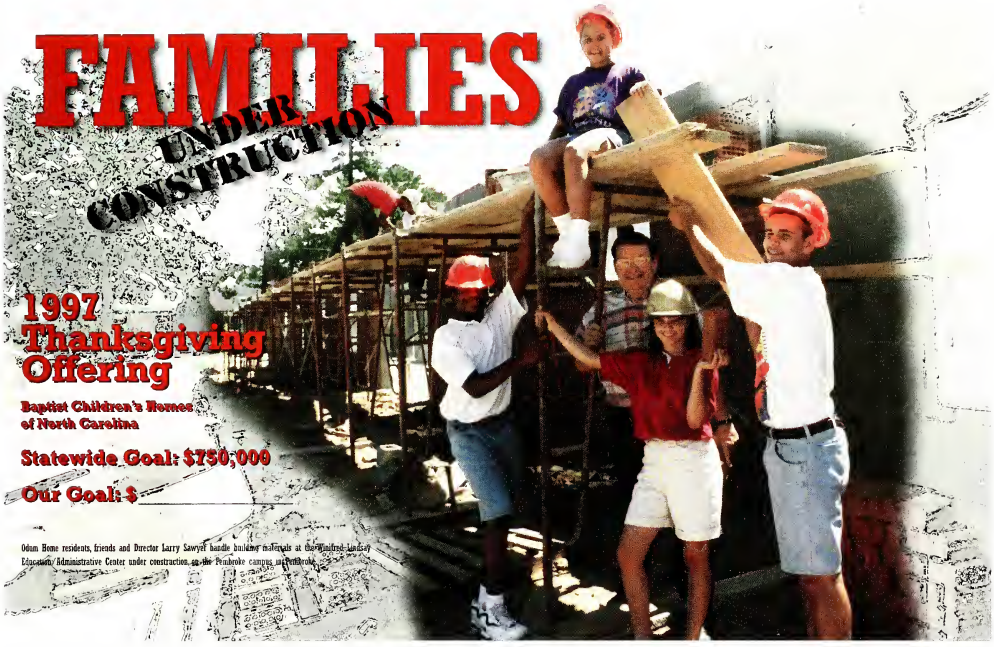

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

helping hurting children... healing broken families

Jason Lands on His Feet After Night Terror

At the sound of a car in his grandmother's carport, Jason looked out the window, and was shocked to see his mother striding toward the house.

She was angry, and Jason shouted, "Lordy, it's momma," as he ran to the back bedroom to call the police.

Just 12 years old, Jason had lived in seven foster care homes and with his grandmother on and off since his father died seven years earlier. His mother's addictions cost her custody of her only son. For whatever reason, tonight she wanted him back.

Out of control, Jason's mother broke open the door and kicked grandmother to the floor. She grabbed her by the hair and "slung me around by the hair of my head," grandmother says, remembering.

Mother shouted for Jason to come out of hiding, and threatened to kill his grandmother. She grabbed a bottle, broke it, and held the jagged edge to grandma's throat, shouting that she would kill her if Jason didn't come out of hiding.

Just then Jason's aunt arrived from a house next door, and held his mother's arms until the police arrived.

Jason enrolled at The Citadel.

Six years later, grandmother beams with pride for Jason, who overcame that tragic, traumatic start in life. Jason garnered academic, athletic and leadership honors in a steady stream at Tuscola High School in Haywood County and started college in August 1997 as a freshman at The Citadel.

At Tuscola, he was captain and MVP of the track and cross country teams and a conference champion, vice president for his senior class, Cadet Colonel and ROTC commander in a group of 115 cadets, in National Honor Society, in the top 10 percent of

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When Samantha Accepts Jesus

It's a Whole New World

Accepting the "light of the world," helped Samantha see the world in a different light.

"The night I asked Jesus into my heart I felt as close to God as I'll ever feel until I go to heaven," said Samantha, a petite, articulate 16-year-old who is righting her life at Broyhill Home in Clyde, one of 12 facilities operated by BCH.

Samantha's early years were in a family where alcohol and abuse were mutual friends. The twin evils led to her parents' divorce when she was 4, and Samantha lived with her mom.

Relationships were strained with her new stepdad and when she was old enough, she moved to another state to live with her dad. But he traveled, and Samantha and a sister were often alone.

Several months later, Samantha returned to her mother, who had become a Christian and "was trying to change her life and do what was best for us girls," Samantha says.

But things did not go smoothly still. Broyhill Home offered a place for Samantha while she and her family work out the issues that separate them.

One night she started talking with Child Care Worker Jim Johnson about wanting to be baptized. Johnson asked if she was sure she was a Christian.

He led her through Bible passages that helped her understand how to secure salvation. "That night I asked Jesus into my heart," Samantha says.

Now she looks at the trauma of her early life with an exceptionally mature understanding. "When you become a Christian you see the whole world in a different perspective," she says. "It seemed the whole world was against me. There was no way out but drugs and running away. Now I have God to turn to."

The spiritual change in both her and her mother has helped them establish the closest thing to a mother/daughter relationship they've ever enjoyed. "We still have a way to go, but we have improved," Samantha says. "I've been able to forgive her - and she, me."

Samantha, 16, wants to work with people who are hurting. "I've seen people hurting," she says. "I've hurt. I know how the people who witnessed to me have helped me, and I want to help others."

> ***"I know my boundaries here. I have people here to lift me up if I fall down, people to tell me God forgives me."***
> -Samantha, 16

Then she admits, her real dream is eventually to work at Broyhill to help hurting children, and heal broken families.

Samantha feels living at Broyhill Home is a wonderful blessing. She found faith and friends there, and wants to return to help.

But He Gains Control at Kennedy Home

Divorce, Death Anger Shamel

Start with anger, add poor attitude and some disrespect, and you have a recipe for teenage disaster. But today, after a year in Family Clarification at Kennedy Home, Shamel, 14, gained control of his life, attitude and problems.

Shamel's parents divorced when he was in third grade. He became angry and his anger boiled over when he entered junior high and his grandmother died.

"I talked to my grandma a lot," said Shamel. "She stayed across the road and I used to see her often and I called her every day. We would just sit and talk. I was really mad when she died because they didn't want to tell me."

That year as a seventh grader, Shamel's behavior worsened. He was disrespectful to teachers, disobeyed his mom, was easily angered and ran around at night past curfew with his friends.

He was placed in a special behavior class at school until he became so out of control, he was sent to Kennedy Home.

Shamel is gaining control.

"It's good I came here," said Shamel. "I've passed my grade and worked on my problems."

He also listens to and respects his mother.

"She's there for me when I need her," said Shamel. "She was there before, I just didn't want to listen to her. Now I know she is telling me the right things."

"Shamel is a real positive leader for the other boys," said Don Wolford, Shamel's social worker. "The biggest changes we have seen in Shamel is his relationship with his mother. Before, if he didn't get his way or disagreed, he'd become manipulative. Now he is much more accepting of his mom's decisions and he thinks through situations."

Baptist Children's Homes -

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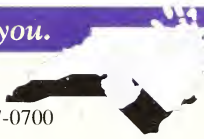

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Jeneva Learns at Mills Home Life Can Be Good

Jeneva moves around the crafts room with a confidence and efficiency that implies training, although she had none before she came to Mills Home, just eight months earlier.

She rose quickly to the coveted helper's position. Many young people who love the arts and crafts led by Loretta Martin would like that role. They love to be around the creative tools and supplies that help them express themselves, and to make gifts for their family and friends.

Jeneva moves among the residents who spend their allotted hour in the crafts room, below the gymnasium at Mills Home in Thomasville. She is quiet, but not so quiet that you would guess her difficult circumstances.

Now 14, Jeneva lived with her grandmother her first four years, then with her biological mother.

Behavioral issues in the family prompted Jeneva to be removed by social services. Then, at age 8, she was adopted. When her adoptive parents exhibited unhealthy behaviors, Jeneva endured a series of hospitalizations and placements.

Now, her adoptive parents are trying to anull the adoption. And Jeneva is again, in limbo.

When she came to Mills Home, she was scared. But she quickly calmed and "found it easy to get along with people here," she said. "I have friends from on and off campus, and I get to invite campus friends over and we spend time together."

"I'm not as aggravated and scared as I was before I came here," Jeneva says. "I'm actually getting to where I can trust people. And I'm making more friends a whole lot easier."

Jeneva is blossoming at Mills Home.

Jeneva attributes this progress to her staff, who "sit down and talk with me and help me with problems."

"If they have a problem with me. . .they don't hit me or anything," she said, matter-of-factly.

Jeneva likes math, reading and art, and auditioned for chorus, something she wouldn't have considered earlier.

"Being here there's actually a chance I might bring out things I never would have done before," she said. "I actually sang in front of the teacher…and she said it was good."

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Family, BCH Team for Safety

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his class, attended leadership events at Western Carolina University and Washington, D.C., and was a peer helper and counselor.

"All the accomplishments of my life have been made possible by Baptist Children's Homes," Jason said at his final awards banquet at Broyhill Home, where he received top honors for the second year.

Jason and his grandmother, Edna

"Broyhill has made me into a young man with a future, who knows now where he is going and what he wants to do. They've opened the doors to enable me to do that."

As for grandmother, who was desperate to find a place for Jason after the incident in her house, she prays "every night and I thank God every night that we have a place like Broyhill Home and Baptist Children's Homes."

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North Carolina Baptist Health Care Fellowship Annual Meeting

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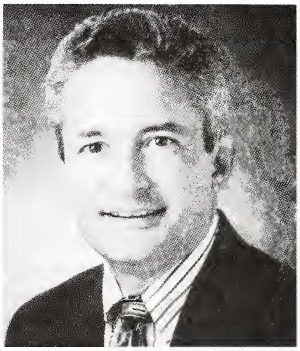
Dr. David Stevens, Christian Medical and Dental Society, Bristol, TN, will be the keynote speaker. Special music will be provided by Chiro, from Wake Forest University.

Workshops will include Genetics and the Christian Faith in Health Care, Alternative Health Care and the Christian Faith for Today, Dentistry in Missions, Pharmacy in Missions, Evangelism in Health Care, South Africa, China, Nursing in Missions, Psychologists in Missions, Allied Health in Missions, Evangelism in Missions, and Career/Long-term Medical Missions. Participants will also hear team members report about the medical dental mission projects in Ukraine, India, and China.



David Stevens

This annual meeting is designed to provide spiritual refreshment, encouragement in ministry and challenge to ministry. Please make your plans now to attend and bring a friend with you.

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LAY REVIVAL

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5–6 Equipping Today's Church Conference, Ridgecrest
12–13 NCBM Board Meeting
19–20 Lad/Crusader Camporee, Caraway Campgrounds
19–20 Operation Inasmuch Training, Westview Baptist, Shelby
26–27 Equipping Today's Church Conference, Caswell

OCTOBER

10–11 RA Training, Caraway
17–19 Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway Campgrounds
18 Wake Forest University Day Football Game

NOVEMBER

2–8 Royal Ambassador Week in the Churches
7–8 NC Baptist HealthCare Fellowship Annual Meeting, Winston-Salem
21–22 Prayer Retreat, Caswell

JANUARY

25 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches
30–31 NC Baptist Men's Convention, Raleigh

FEBRUARY

22 Volunteers in Missions Day Emphasis

MARCH

13–14 NCBM Board Meeting, Caraway Conference Ctr.
20–21 Challengers Adventure Weekend

APRIL

18 Lad/Crusader Congresses
17–18 Disaster Relief Expo, Caraway
17–19 Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway Campgrounds

MAY

1–2 Lay Renewal Gathering, Caraway Conference Ctr.
15–17 Youth Ministry Lab, Meredith College
16 State Royal Ambassador Track Meet

International Mission Projects

NCBM had a busy summer trying to handle the logistics of getting more than 500 volunteers on-site in various areas of the world.

Partnership projects are now coordinated in the NCBM's office by Linda Hicks. She has been a very busy lady working with the teams to Ukraine and to South Africa. Some of the Ukraine projects will be completed this year and others will be extended until they are complete. Robert Stroup, Spruce Pine, and Skip Greene, Boone, have returned from South Africa with a good scouting report about the needs for construction and evangelism. You will be hearing more about their findings.

Twelve volunteers were in Brussels, Belgium, this summer renovating a building owned by the Belgium Baptist Union. It will be used to house missionaries and to do missions with Muslims (about 200,000) in Brussels. Lloyd and Eunice Rivers, Rocky Mount, led this group.

Three teams worked on the Ruth School for Gypsy children in Romania. The school is now nearly completed; and the children are using it this Fall. The school is sponsored by a Baptist church in Bucharest, Romania. Thanks to North Carolina, Florida, and Georgia volunteers!

Several volunteers have worked with the library at Bristol Baptist College in England. They are helping to get all the titles on computer. We have openings for next year on this project. There are also two retired librarians scheduled to go to the Regent Park Baptist College at Oxford in 1998 to do some cataloging of books and documents.

The work at Elstal, Germany, is completed as is the summer maintenance work at The International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague. For 1998 we are needing volunteers to go back to Prague for summer maintenance, and we are recruiting teams to go to help a German Baptist church renovate three buildings which will be used as their church building in Wenigerode, Germany. This is in the foothills of the Hartz mountains and about four hours southeast from Berlin. The church members are excited about working with volunteers from the USA. If you can get a team of eight to 10 people with two cooks, give me a call.

Hands-on missions is exciting and rewarding for the volunteers and the recipients of our efforts. If God is calling you to missions, we will help you find your place.

Out Of South Africa

KEN BOAZ, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS, THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION

What a glorious experience we had in South Africa! If you could write a text on the way you think a mission partnership project should go, I don't think you could hit any closer to the spirit of this work. The Lord was in it!

When we arrived on the church site in the Zulu community of Ndwedwe, we discovered a building foundation already laid and a couple run of block partially around the approximately 30' x 45' structure. A week and a day later we had a celebration service under the roof with the congregation. Tears flowed as we gave thanks to our God. Chuck Phillips, local builder and member at Mt. Vernon Church, Boone, summed up the trip for us as he shook his head and said, "There's no way we should have been able to accomplish what we did. We had limited abilities, limited resources, but thank God we serve an unlimited Lord." Amen!

My thoughts even now travel across the ocean and continent to that church set on a hill, a beacon of the gospel in the picturesque "Valley of a Thousand Hills." It was such a beautiful setting with the river flowing far below and rural African greenery stretching out for miles around us. Sometimes it was hard to concentrate on work! During the celebration service, we discovered the foundation had been laid in 1989. The church had been waiting and praying for eight years for its completion. We were all delighted by God's timing.

The Ndwedwe church was gracious in working, worshipping, laughing, crying with us. They fed us well. Dennis Jones, SBC missionary, was diligent in making preparations for this project. He worked and lived with us every step of the way. The team of Chuck Phillips, Harold Bennett, and Landon Phillips of Greenway Church, Boone; J. B. and Justin Lawrence of First Church Blowing Rock; and three "hillbillies" from Wilkes' way, were a hard-working, fun-loving bunch. They were a great witness for the Lord. I believe any of these guys, including myself, would welcome opportunities to share with your folks how God was in this.

Thanks to the churches who were instrumental in giving monies for construction materials and praying and sending. Please continue to pray as we seek further opportunities for partnership.

NC Volunteers — Snapshots From The Field

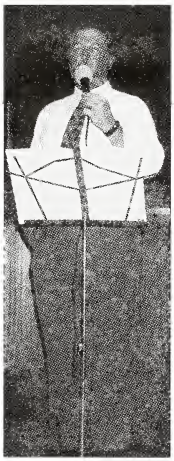
A new feature!!! Snapshots from the field will highlight volunteers from North Carolina doing a variety of mission projects around the state, the nation, and the world. This issue is highlighting a team from Yates Association who went to build a church, and built some good relationships as well. Along with the photographs, the team had some comments to make about the trip. The team members were: Ted Reed, Yates Association; Kevin Shinn, Yates Association; Ruth Preddy, Plainview Church; Winslow Carter, University Church; Lisa Chilson, Carrboro Church; Chris Suragow, Angier Avenue Church; and Courtney Treivel, Angier Avenue Church.

Kevin Shinn: "I learned that like building the physical building, God builds His church by sometimes having to tear down a few blocks and reset them so they will be strong enough to endure the elements"

Winslow Carter: "The relationships were the highlight, loving my brothers and sisters in Christ in a far away land"

Ruth Preddy: "This was one of the best trips I have ever had"

Chris Suragow: "It is hard to put into words what I feel. I miss South Africa!"



Lisa Chilson: "Meeting other Christians who face similar trials and challenges in ministry reminds me that we are truly one Body and we need to pray for each other and build each other up no matter what our cultural differences may be...we serve the same Lord."

Courtney Treivel: "The family we stayed with were awesome"

Ted Reed: " I am so filled with joy that I am not able to verbally express the love I feel inside"

PHOTOS

If you have special memories from a mission trip, enclose a few pictures of your task, the name of your team members, a few quotes from them about their experience, and mail to: NC Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107, Attention: Lisa Chilson

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PRAYER SUPPORT

Power Of Prayer

"If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

An atheist attorney once said, "I don't believe in God, but I do believe in the power of prayer!" Although his theology was off-base and contradictory, he knew that this thing called prayer worked. There is significant power in the proper prayer life of a Christian with a true relationship with God. The Prayer Support Ministry is based on that fact and focuses its purpose on encouraging individuals and church bodies to develop that relationship and an enthusiastic prayer life.

To continue this motivation, we have planned a Baptist Men and Ladies Prayer Retreat at Caswell on November 21–22, 1997. It will begin Friday evening with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and continue through Saturday lunch. Our motivational leaders this year are Paul Bishop, Region 3 prayer support coordinator and pastor from Whiteville; Jim Butler, soloist and layman from Riegelwood; and Phyllis Elliot, mother and Prayer Retreat leader from Tabor City. We will hear profound testimonies, a powerful prayer message, have two seminars to learn more about how to pray and hear, and be led in some spiritually uplifting praise songs.

Reservations should be made as soon as possible. Costs are $68 per couple and $50 per single with private room. This cost covers room, three meals, and retreat fee. Send reservations and check to NCBM, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC, 27512-1107. Indicate number attending, address, and home telephone number. Indicate Prayer Retreat on check.

Remember to pray for the Muslims around the world with emphasis on those in South Africa. Our prayers can help lead Muslims, one of the fastest growing cults in the world, to the truth about Jesus Christ.

Also remember World A people groups in your prayers that they, too, may receive the message of Christ.

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Impact The Unreached Through Prayer and Involvement

Have you considered becoming a people group advocate? People group advocates desire that the unreached have an opportunity to hear the gospel. For a number of years, Ann prayed faithfully for missions as a member of her local church missions organization. In 1993, she participated in her first volunteer mission trip among an unreached people group living in the Himalayas. The trip was coordinated by NC Baptist Men and included several volunteers from Georgia like Ann along with others from Louisiana, North Carolina, and Texas. Since that first trip, Ann has returned to the area several times and willingly shares her testimony with groups and individuals when she is home. Her prayer ministry has expanded internationally through the use of e-mail. Recently, she was contacted by representatives of a pharmaceutical company in her area who had heard of her participation in medical missions. The company donated a variety of medical supplies for use among the unreached people group for whom she is an advocate.

Teachers, medical personnel, students, construction workers, secretaries, retirees, and others are joining global networks committed to impacting unreached peoples. As people group advocates, individuals, groups, or churches participate in ongoing projects among the least evangelized peoples of the world. Some assist with mobilization of prayer support while others participate in education, research, development, and church planting projects. The 1.7 billion people of World A or The Last Frontier include more than 2000 people groups with limited access to the gospel.

More churches are becoming involved by making long-term commitments to pray for specific people groups. They are also open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit for guidance in other ways of being involved in impacting these people with the Gospel. The Last Frontier Ministry Plan and the Adopt-A-People program are designed to assist churches and individuals interested in becoming involved with specific groups.

The monthly prayer emphasis for unreached peoples in Men on Mission, North Carolina Baptists' Owner's Manual, and Tarheel Talk provide a place to begin learning about different people groups. More information about other ways you can be involved with specific people groups is available through the World A Resource Center at (704) 434–4656.

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Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity
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Boiling Springs, NC 28017
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Pray For Unreached People Groups

Pray for the Burusho people group. There are 86,000 Burusho. Most of these people live in Pakistan. Pray that the Burusho will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Lao people group. There are 3.2 million Lao. Most of these people live in Lao. Pray that the Lao people will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Saharawi people group. There are 200,000 Saharawi. Most of these people live in the Canary Islands and Algeria. Pray that the Saharawi people will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Jesus Christ.

For more information on any of the above groups or other World A people groups, contact World A Resource Center, School of Divinity, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC 28017; (704) 434–4656.

Soccer And Basketball Teams On Mission

The 1997 "Sports in Missions" overseas trips are now history and comprise two more chapters in an expanding journal of success stories about the viability of using sports as a vehicle to share the gospel. It doesn't get any better than to be able to teach or play our favorite sport while witnessing to the power of Christ in our lives.

Our soccer team traveled to St. Lucia, West Indies, in mid-July on a 10-day mission. Joining Coach Rich Erdman on the trip were: Daniel Arant, Smithfield; Justin Brackett, Waynesville; Rich and Skip Erdman, Forest, VA; Russell Farrara, Waynesville; Nathan Lawrenson, Kitty Hawk; Kanka Linthavong, Albermarle; Eric Richardson, Aberdeen; Conrad Sheirk, Asheville; and Chris Underwood, Monroe.

Four coaches and ten young men flew to South Africa on July 24 to begin a 16-day mission featuring basketball and volleyball clinics. South Africans are eager to become better acquainted with these two American games which have growing worldwide appeal. The fact that these sports were invented by two devout young Christians while working as physical education instructors at the International YMCA Training School in Springfield, MA in the 1890s is a useful piece of information as we share our Christian witness.

The team included coaches Michael Bradley, Mebane; Johnny Childers, Hildebran; Dan Rice, Fletcher; and Ross Scott, Dobson. The roster of young men included Travis Childers, Hildebran; David Clark, Rhodhiss; Benjamin Hefner, Granite Falls; Chris and Robert Hefner, Rhodhiss; Adam Jones, Rutherfordton; Frank McMillian, Raeford; Andy and Jeff Reilly, Rutherfordton; and Tim Young, Raeford.

"Sports in Missions" is pleased to be participating in the North Carolina/South Africa Partnership. More opportunities for missions to South Africa are planned for 1998. Sometimes the need is for individuals or small groups to go. Jim Canterberry of Cary, Josh Howell of Charlotte, and Patrick Moore of Clayton have gone solo on sports-related trips to South Africa this year. Johnston Association has sponsored a missions project of purchasing basketballs to be used in South Africa. These basketballs have the verse John 3:16 printed on them. Two hundred basketballs were sent this summer.

A focus of this ministry for the fall of 1997 is to recruit many more coaches and athletes for our mailing list. We have an attractive brochure promoting the ministry which includes a "Request for Information" section to mail to NC Baptist Men. This adds the sender to the mailing list.

Finally, we want to include a greater variety of sports in our ministry. For example, many Christian young men in North Carolina are involved in high school or college wrestling. Brandon Styers of Calvary Church in Newton, and a junior at Bandys High School, shared with me this summer his desire to use his chosen sport as a vehicle to share Christ. Many other coaches and athletes will be willing to do the same if given the opportunity. Please help us to get the word out.

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Campcraft Instruction Offered

An opportunity for RA and Challengers leaders, or anyone else who wants to improve their skills and knowledge of camping, is provided each Spring and Fall by the Campcraft Committee of North Carolina Baptist Men. The Fall training will be held October 17-19 this year. Training is available at three levels: basic, advanced, and instructor. Participants are instructed in areas such as firecraft, ropecraft, equipment, map and compass, conservation, and more. The training takes place at the Camp Caraway Family Campground near Asheboro.

Cost is $35 per person and covers campsite fee, program fee, and food. Participants must bring their own tent, sleeping bag, and other camping equipment. The training begins at 6 p.m. on Friday and concludes by noon on Sunday.

Skills learned during Campcraft training may be used for personal development as well as to lead RA and Challengers groups in successful, safe, and meaningful camping experiences. Come enjoy the fellowship and fun!

For more information or a registration form, check the appropriate box on the back page.

Statewide Lad/Crusader Camporee September 19–20

Camp Caraway Family Campground will be the site for the third annual Lad/Crusader Camporee. This year's event will take place September 19–20. All boys in grades 1–6, whether an RA or not, are encouraged to attend. Check-in and camp set-up will be between 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday night. Friday night's events will be highlighted by a bonfire program, which includes singing and entertainment. On Saturday, boys will participate in Campcraft instruction classes and fun Campcraft field day events. Ribbons will be awarded. The Camporee will end around 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

The Camporee will provide an opportunity for boys to camp out, work on Campcraft skills and advancement, and participate in fun activities with other boys from across the state.

Cost is only $4 per person and includes campground fee, program fee, and ribbons. Each group must bring their own food and camping equipment. Registration for this event is limited and must be in by September 15. Don't miss the opportunity for your RAs to participate in this fun event!

For more information or registration, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

RA Congress — Saturday, April 18, 1998

Lad/Crusader Track Meet — Saturday, May 16, 1998

(Sites and times to be announced)

Celebrate RA Week In Your Church

All across our state and across the country, thousands of boys are learning about missions and becoming involved in missions through the Royal Ambassador program. The solid foundation that is being laid in these young boys' lives is something worth celebrating! Royal Ambassador week is the perfect time to do this. RA Week is November 2–8. This is a time to recognize the boys and their leaders, as well as educating your congregation as to the great work they are doing.

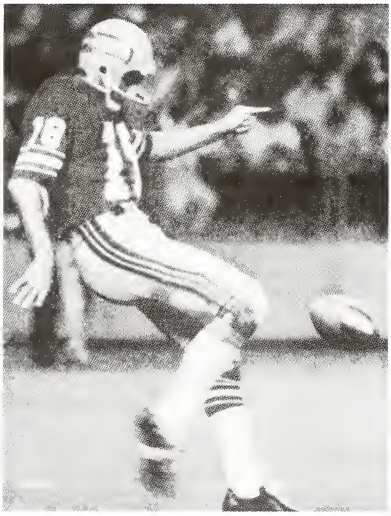
The Royal Ambassador Planbook has many ideas on how to conduct a successful Royal Ambassador Week in your church. It can be purchased at your local Baptist Book Store, or by calling (800) 233–1123. Discuss with your pastor how the work of your RA chapter might be highlighted during the Sunday services. You may also want to plan a special missions project during the week. This is a great way to gain church support for your program and to help your boys understand that they play an important role in the life of your church.

See Wake Forest University Day Is October 18

Each year Wake Forest University sets aside a block of football tickets for "Church Day." The event is sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men and the Athletic Department of Wake Forest University. This year, "Church Day" will feature the Wake Forest/Maryland football game on Saturday, October 18. Baptist Men will have tickets available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline to receive ticket orders is Friday, October 3. The cost is $12 per person (includes program, box lunch, and game ticket) plus $3 per order handling fee. Tickets will be mailed around September 20. There will be no refunds.

The program begins at 10:00 a.m. with guest speakers Herman Weaver, former all-pro punter, and Doug Berkey, ministry in mime. Lunch will be at 12 noon, and the game at 1:00 p.m.

To order tickets, please use the form on the back page.



Herman Weaver

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Camp Caraway Celebrates 35th Anniversary

On July 26–27 the woods of Camp Caraway rang with the sound of cheers, songs, jokes, and laughter, as more than 90 former camp counselors and their families gathered to reflect on their time spent at North Carolina's Royal Ambassador camp. Started in 1963, Caraway has ministered to thousands of young boys, showing them at the Christian lifestyle is real and carried out 24 hours a day. The strength of Caraway's decentralized program was then, and continues to be today, the young men who make up the staff. On this weekend whole generations were bridged by common stories of taking care of homesick campers, jokes that were played on fellow counselors, and leading boys to accept Christ as their Savior. Memories were jogged as the former counselors participated once more in many of the traditions of camp life, such as a family-style dinner, shouting the RA song at the flagpole, marching into the council ring with lit torches, and a service at the outdoor chapel. Bill Jackson, Caraway's founder and first director, reflected on the early days of camp. Richard Brunson and Kendell Cameron, former directors, also shared their reflections of Caraway's ministry. Many others gave testimony as to how their lives had been touched through their service at Caraway. Another reunion of former staff has been planned for the year 2000. If you have served on Caraway's staff and did not receive information on this year's reunion, please contact our office with your current address.

Training For Local Church RA Counselors And Directors And Associational RA Directors October 10–11

The key to a successful Royal Ambassador program lies in the ability to secure a dedicated adult to work with the boys. Each year hundreds of new RA and Challenger leaders take on the task of leading the boys and young men of their church in missions education and involvement. Unfortunately, many of these leaders become frustrated and drop out before the year is out. Others, however, seem to thrive, leading their boys in interesting and worthwhile meetings. What's the difference? Training. It doesn't take much to learn what resources are out there and how to use them effectively. And a little bit of training can make a world of difference.

October 10–11 are the dates for a special training session for Lad/Crusader counselors at Camp Caraway. This training will focus mainly on those who are new RA counselors. All the basics of the program will be covered in detail, including advancement, effective chapter meetings, mission projects, and interest activities. The EZRA (Easy Royal Ambassadors) method, a simplified approach to providing an RA program for your church, will also be a focus. Participants will gain a knowledge of the program and how to lead it effectively.

There will also be a training session for associational and church Brotherhood directors this year. Discover the duties of an RA director, as well as ideas on how to enhance RA work in your church or association.

This training session will be held at Camp Caraway. Participants will need to bring a sleeping bag and/or bedding with them, as well as other personal items. Men and women working with RAs are encouraged to attend. The training will begin with supper on Friday and conclude with lunch on Saturday. Cost for this training is $25 per person.

For more information or registration, check the appropriate item on the back page.

New Procedure To Order Brotherhood Materials

Due to the recent restructuring of the SBC Agencies, which included the Brotherhood Commission, changes have been made in the procedures for ordering material. All missions education materials are now being distributed by the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. Materials can be order by mail through the catalog order form or by calling (800) 233–1123.

1. Dated literature will continue to be offered on the bulk quarterly order system. The North American Mission Board in Atlanta, where Brotherhood is now housed, is currently changing from the JFM, AMJ, JAS, OND quarters to the seasonal quarters offered by the Sunday School Board.

2. In order to make this change the NAMB is asking churches to order for October and November only. Then churches should re-order on the new quarter system for Dec.–Feb.(the new Winter Quarter).

3. Brotherhood materials listed in the NAMB resource catalog may still be purchased at Baptist Book Stores, however magazines must still be ordered.

4. For Brotherhood program information call NC Baptist Men at (800) 395—5102, Ext. 331 or the North American Mission Board at (770) 410–6000.

REMINDER!!!

Each year the State RA Committee and North Carolina Baptist Men recognize one individual for their long-time, meritorious service to Royal Ambassadors. If you would like to nominate someone to receive the Distinguished Royal Ambassador Leadership Award, please contact our office for a nomination form.

CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Fall 1997, For additional information and registration, check the appropriate block and mail this back page (with the label) to: North Carolina Baptist Men, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107

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- ❑ Training for Church RA Counselors/Directors and Associational RA Directors, Oct. 17–18, Camp Caraway. Cost $25/person. *Registration limited and deadline is Sept. 12.*
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